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The Honorable Anthony Principi
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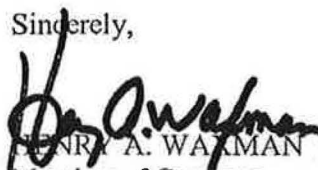
Dear Secretary Principi:

As you know, in our meeting on October 22, 2003 we agreed that the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) should not include the proposed Land Use Planning Committee for the West Los Angeles Health Care Center (WLAHC). I also very much appreciated at that time your commitment to return to the creation of a long-term land use plan at the WLAHC -- with meaningful participation by veterans and the community -- after the CARES process is completed.

A number of my constituents have recently raised new concerns to me about the proposed Land Use Planning Committee, and I am pleased that Deputy Secretary Mansfield has reaffirmed your position on this matter in his discussions with my office.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,


HENRY A. WAXMAN
Member of Congress

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